

HAS HYDROPHOBIA STRUCK COW HERD?

Prosecuting Attorney Underwood received a telephone call Tuesday from Art Thompson of Sharon, whose home is about a mile west of the center, stating that he had lost one cow from hydrophobia and that two more were affected, and urging that Attorney Underwood place the matter before state officials at Columbus at once. Thompson told Underwood, according to the latter, that Dr. Crisman of Wadsworth had pronounced the disease hydrophobia and that the head of the cow that died had been sent to the state department for examination.

Dr. Proudley of Sharon is apparently of the same belief as Crisman, as we are informed that he has advised that three Sharon men who had come in physical contact with the diseased cattle be sent away at once to receive the Pasteur treatment. The men had sores on their hands and the doctor fears that they have become infected.

But Dr. A. C. Johns of Medina, who with Attorney Underwood, visited the Thompson farm Tuesday afternoon and made an examination of the cows, differs in opinion with both Crisman and Proudley. Dr. Johns declares the disease is not hydrophobia. One cow, which had been tied out in the pasture was found to be in the more serious condition. Apparently the animal was undergoing paroxysms of excruciating pain, and it would frequently arch its back, shiver violently as with a chill and emit loud groans. While expressing doubt as to whether the life of the animal could be saved, Dr. Johns made an attempt by administering a large quantity of linseed oil and other nostrums. The condition of the other cow apparently was not as serious.

What appears to be a coincidence is that similar cases have appeared in Chatham recently, with cattle belonging to Jake Krugger. Some time last February one of Krugger's cows was bitten by a dog, though it was not known that the dog was mad. About two months later the cow developed what was believed to be rabies and died. About two weeks ago other cows showed symptoms of the same disease. One died and Dr. W. F. Wise, veterinarian of Medina, was called in on the case. Not being fully satisfied as to the nature of the affection, Dr. Wise had the head of the dead cow sent to the state chemist at Columbus, to have determined whether or not the disease is a case of rabies. A report had not been received from the state department up to the hour of going to press.

TWO DROWN AT CHIPPewa LAKE

A picnic at Chippewa Lake yesterday afternoon at which about 1000 colored people participated resulted in the death of two by drowning.

The facts were not known until the crowd left the grounds when the bath house keeper discovered two suits of clothes unclaimed. Suspicious of what might have happened, an investigation disclosed a body floating about fifty feet out from the swimming pier. It was that of a man about 35 years of age. In the pocket of his clothes in the bath house was a card bearing the name George Lewis and an address, 2374 East 33d street, Cleveland.

The clothes left by the other person indicated a boy about 15 years old. No trace of the body had been found last night, nor nothing to indicate his identity.

The body of Lewis was laid in the bath house and Coroner Bristol of Valley City was notified.

Will Outline Plans For Children's Work

The first meeting of the Junior Redpath club, a new department of the local chautauqua, will be held Tuesday, July 20. On that occasion Mrs. Grace Cowan Tatum, general supervisor of children's work, will be the guest of Medina boys and girls. The invitation for this meeting is general and Mrs. Tatum wants everyone there in order that it may be a happy "how-do-you-do" time.

The meeting will be held at ten o'clock in the park, and in addition to outlining plans for children's work during the 1915 Chautauqua, Mrs. Tatum will describe several new games, tell some interesting stories and explain the Junior club idea. There will be on exhibition some of the official club buttons and the large pennant that is to be awarded at the close of the season to the champion Juniors of the Chautauqua circuit.

Grown-ups also are invited to the meeting next Tuesday as Mrs. Tatum desires the co-operation of parents and friends in making a success of the club. In the preliminary work she is being assisted by Mrs. M. T. Wright and at the initial meeting the boys and girls will elect their officers for the season.

\$25 And Costs For Selling Booze

Mike and Nick Tobobich, cousins, arrested Sunday, July 4, in Lodi, for assault, and lodged in the county jail, were taken back to Lodi, Wednesday, in the company of Deputy Floyd Pelton and Prosecuting Attorney Underwood, and given a hearing before Lodi's mayor. The charge of assault had been changed to that of intoxication, to which the boys pleaded guilty, and each was fined \$5 and costs, amounting in each case to \$13.02.

Upon information furnished by the boys, Mike Rodoman, a B. & O. employee, also of Lodi, was arrested earlier in the day for the illegal selling of booze. His arraignment was held at the same time as the Tobobichs. He denied the charge, but there was too much evidence against him and he finally counted out \$30.90, which exactly covered the fine of \$25 and costs the mayor imposed.

LIFT QUARANTINE FROM COUNTY

Medina county, Monday, was released from the foot and mouth disease quarantine, by order of federal authorities at Washington, issued Saturday.

The long duration of the quarantine has worked hardship on many farmers and this announcement of the lifting of the quarantine from the whole county will be received with satisfaction.

Experience in this and previous epidemics has shown conclusively that great precautions are necessary to prevent the disease from being carried from one section of the country to another, just as local quarantines are necessary to prevent its sweeping through herds of a county as small-pox used to sweep through cities. Where the people have realized this, the loss has been confined to comparatively small proportions; where it has not been realized and the temporary inconvenience caused by the quarantines has caused laxity in their enforcement, the loss has been crushing.

It is not, however, so much a matter of the present as of the future. If the disease were once to gain the foothold here that it has abroad, eradication would be an impossibility and the stock interests of the country would lose far more each year than it has cost to suppress this epidemic. In Germany in 1911 it was calculated that one out of seven animals susceptible to the disease was suffering from it. Under such circumstances the slaughter of exposed herds becomes an impossibility and the disease remains a chronic drain upon the resources of the country, as the price is too great to pay for freedom from such a calamity.

At the outbreak of the disease in this county a local veterinary scorned the idea of killing affected cattle, claiming that the disease was curable. This no doubt is literally correct, but we believe that every farmer will agree that the state authorities' methods of handling the disease proved most effective.

This order leaves Hamilton county and the Cleveland Union Stock yards in Cuyahoga county the only quarantined territory in the state of Ohio. This territory is classified as restricted area, the quarantine regulations in restricted areas being the most lenient of all. It is provided, however, that the Cleveland Stock Yards shall be used for the handling of live stock for immediate slaughter only.

CAR SMASHES MAIL BOX

In turning out for another car while driving on East Liberty street a mile east of town at 6 o'clock Monday evening, the car driven by Mrs. C. L. Griesinger of 314 East Washington street skidded into the hollow at the side of the road. When attempting to get back it is thought Mrs. Griesinger must have accidentally given the car considerably more power than was needed, as it bounded ahead with great force, demolishing the mail box in front of Ed Nettleton's and pushing over a pile of heavy stones with which Mr. Nettleton was to build some steps. The car then took a turn to the opposite side of the road and butted into a huge elm tree. The front of the car was badly broken and the axle bent to such an extent that it was some time before the car could be driven to town. Fortunately Mrs. Griesinger escaped uninjured.

STOLE FROM FRIEND

When Elbridge Allard of Granger township, east of Remson Corners, donned his trousers early Tuesday morning, he discovered that his pockets had been rifled of what money had been there, between five and six dollars. A few moments later he became cognizant of the fact that two good pairs of shoes were also missing, likewise a tramp who had been working for him for two weeks and who had been given access to the home. Allard reported his loss to Sheriff Gehman, who went to Granger, but who was unable to locate the whereabouts of the light-fingered and ungrateful hobo.

CONTEST WINNERS ON THEIR WAY TO THE PACIFIC COAST AT THE SENTINEL'S EXPENSE

Yesterday (Thursday) morning at 7:48 o'clock, The Medina Sentinel Pacific coast trip winners left Wooster for their free excursion in a special car attached to the Pennsylvania train.

These winners are Miss Marian Branch and the chaperone, Miss Ella Canavan of Medina and Mrs. Platt Bricker of Lodi. These three will go at the expense of the Sentinel and will be gone until Aug. 2, when they are scheduled to arrive in Wooster at 5:03 p. m. Others from Medina accompanying the winners at their own expense are Miss Dorothy Branch and Miss Eulala Damon.

Accompanying the party will be the winners in the Wooster Daily News contest, who are: Miss Blanche Marthey of Maysville, who selected Miss Lillian Martin of Smithville, her cousin, as chaperone for the party; Miss Seville Ricwine of Wooster, Miss Kathryn Warren of Wooster, Miss Beatie Bahl of West Salem and Miss Elgie Zimmerman of Wayne township. The ladies of both parties will travel under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. McDonagh of Cleveland, who will accompany them throughout the trip.

The young women who have been so fortunate by their hard work to win this fine trip of three weeks are very enthusiastic, and some of them promised to communicate some of their

enthusiasm to the readers of The Medina Sentinel in the form of letters after they get well on the way.

According to the schedule of the trip, which it is planned will reach Kansas City via Chicago for breakfast Friday morning, Saturday morning they will arrive at Denver, and Sunday they will spend at Colorado Springs, Colo.

Glenwood Springs, Colo., will be their place of sight-seeing next Monday, and Tuesday will be spent in Salt Lake City and at Great Salt Lake. Thursday, July 22, the party will arrive at San Francisco, and until late Monday night, July 25, will be spent visiting the Panama-Pacific exposition, San Francisco and all interesting points, including a motor boat trip on San Francisco bay and a visit to China town with guides Monday night.

By not stopping at Reno, Nev., they will be enabled to spend Tuesday night at Los Angeles, Cal., after passing the day at Santa Barbara. Wednesday and Thursday, July 28 and 29th, will be spent at Los Angeles, the flower garden of America, and all of the surrounding attractions will be visited by motor boat.

The morning of Friday, July 30, will be spent at Riverside, Cal., and from 10 o'clock of that day until Monday, August 2, will be spent on the trip home.

VAIN ATTEMPT AT SELF DESTRUCTION

Mrs. Lena Annella made an unsuccessful attempt at self-destruction Tuesday night about 9:30 o'clock, by drinking the contents of an ounce bottle of carbolic acid at her home on S. Elmwood street. She would give no reason for her act, but only made the oft repeated statement that she wished to die. She fought all efforts of Dr. W. A. Stanley, whom the husband had summoned, to administer antidotes, and Floyd Pelton was called to assist in holding the woman while treatment was effected. It was several hours before Mrs. Annella was thought to be out of danger. Her mouth and throat were badly burned by the acid and her stomach was in such condition that it would retain no food of any kind, not even milk.

Mrs. Annella was lying in a hammock when the doctor arrived, writhing in pain and groaning her desire for death.

We have been unable to gain any information from the family or from anyone as to the causes which led to Mrs. Annella's rash act.

ARGUMENTS FOR FOUR-YEAR TERM

A meeting of Democratic county officials and those who take office this fall was held in the town hall Monday afternoon to take action with regard to the circulating of petitions initiatory to referring at the next general election in November a proposition to amend Sec. 2 and repeal Sec. 3 of Art. X of the Constitution so as to fix the terms of all county officers at four years to provide for their election quadrennially and applying the amendments to incumbents. Following are a few of the arguments that will be used by those who circulate the petitions and they are indeed cogent ones.

It cuts the taxpayer's election expense.

It puts Ohio in line with the other progressive states that have the four term for county officials.

It puts our county on the same basis as a private business. A bank or railroad would consider it industrial suicide to change officers every two years.

It means a big saving to the people. The taxpayer must remember that, it costs money to conduct elections; it costs money to "school" new officers every two years, and it costs money to hire substitutes while your official is out campaigning for re-election.

It means more efficient service on the part of the officer. The officers mind will be on his work, rather than on his re-election. It will give opportunity for the full inauguration of one's "own system" in the work of a county office.

It gives time to judge an officer's worth. To-day, officers elected in November, do not take office until the following summer. Hardly a year intervenes before they are up for re-election. When the officer has barely "learned his office," the voter has no fair chance to judge his worth as "an officer."

It is a public and not a political measure. Republicans, Democrats and Progressives all favor the change.

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EARLY FIRE DESTROYS LANDMARK

Sunday morning, about 1 o'clock, fire destroyed the barn of Wm. Witter on West Friendship street, just north of North Court street, together with all the contents, consisting of a horse, two and one-half tons of hay, a wagon, buggy, cutter and numerous tools and harness.

The cause of the fire is unknown, but a possible explanation has been suggested that some late pedestrian lighted a pipe or cigarette in passing the barn, which was close to the walk, and the match dropped into some loose hay while yet aflame. The suggestion also offered that tramps might have accidentally set the barn afire while passing the night within, is given but little if any credence, as the barn was locked. It was a mass of flames when discovered and it was impossible to rescue the horse or any of the other contents. The fire department responded as promptly as possible and was able to prevent ignition of any of the adjoining buildings.

The barn as well as the dwelling was one of the town's landmarks. Both buildings were built for one of Medina's early citizens and business men, Sherman Bronson, away back in 1835, the barn being the first of the two buildings to be erected. Part of the charred framework was standing the forepart of the week, from which could be noted the immense beams so commonly used in the early days and the joints held together with wooden pins. Mr. Witter carried only \$350.00 insurance on the barn and contents.

BUTTO'S TRIAL JULY 26

Sam Butto was arraigned in common pleas court Saturday morning and had interpreted to him the indictment charging him with shooting with intent to kill, with another count for shooting with intent to wound, to which he entered a plea of not guilty, and the date for trial was set for Monday, July 26. F. W. Woods was appointed by the court to defend Butto.

Preceding Butto's arraignment, Herman Barreau and Edward Gore were arraigned and waived reading of the indictments charging them with burglary. Both entered plea of guilty. They were represented by Attorney J. W. Seymour. Gore's sister and brother-in-law from Cleveland were present to testify to the prisoner's good conduct previous to his present trouble.

A sister of Barreau, with whom he made his home, was also present to speak for her brother, whom she stated had always been a good boy. He is but 17 years old and an orphan.

Prominent business men of Cleveland wrote letters favorable to the boys and are holding positions open for them in case they are liberated. Judge McClure reserved sentence until a further investigation.

Tuesday morning Judge McClure passed sentence upon the boys to an indeterminate term in the Mansfield reformatory, but paroled them pending good behavior, which must be vouched for monthly to the reformatory officials by a police officer of Cleveland, where the boys have positions awaiting them. Gore's wife and a sister, brother and uncle of Barreau were present when the sentence was imposed. Judge McClure administered some sound advice to the boys and exacted a promise that they would make full restitution to the owner of the store in Lodi which they entered and robbed.

County Ministers Eat Chicken At Chippewa

The Medina County Ministerial Association met for their annual picnic session at Chippewa Lake on Monday of this week, Rev. F. W. Hass presiding. At this session all the members and their respective families had been invited, the occasion being made one of recreation and inter-family fellowship as well as of business. Each family brought with it a well filled basket, the yellow-legged chickens being well in evidence, as expected. After the dinner hour, the association met for the regular business session. Among other important matters decided upon, was the determination to unite with the state-wide movement for prayer in connection with the prohibition campaign and also to unite with the County Temperance committee to make the County Temperance day also the day for the County Sunday school picnic at Chippewa Lake. This is expected to occur some time in August.

SCHOOL CONDITIONS IN COUNTY REVIEWED

The articles which have frequently appeared in the Sentinel anent the school situation in Medina county has prompted several of our readers to ask of us certain questions indicating that the new school law was not clear to them, also that the working of the school system at present in the county was more or less obscure. We had supposed that we had explained the Wines law some weeks ago in such a way that it would be clearly understood.

No district superintendent, says the law, shall control less than 30 teachers, while another provision allows a district which maintains a first grade high school to remain without the district supervision, thought still a part of the county system. The result of this made necessary rather radical changes in the supervision districts of Medina, Seville, Lodi and Le Roy villages and in the townships of Granger, Hinckley, Homer and Liverpool, which have decided to remain by themselves. This condition has made necessary the placing of the remaining schools under two district men.

It was because of this too, that the boards of education of the county deemed it advisable to re-strict the county and thereupon petitioned the county board to that effect. The eastern district is to comprise Medina township, Brunswick, York township, Montville, Guilford, Sharon and Weymouth special, and the western district to consist of York special, Chippewa Lake, Lafayette, Litchfield, Chatham, Harrisville, Spencer township and Spencer special. In charge of these districts respectfully will be M. E. Hawk of the Akron central high school and W. C. Rohde of Brunswick. These men each will have supervision over from 35 to 40 teachers with headquarters in Medina with County Superintendent Jenks.

As instanced in the recent setting of the pike school district in Montville township into the Medina village district, the new law makes it possible for the county board of education to set a part or the whole of one district into another district or to create new school districts and appoint boards of education for the same. The county board, we are informed, are already considering a number of changes of this kind. In Brunswick township 180 acres of the school district have been placed into Hinckley. In Seville the pike improved roads have all been utilized for the transportation of Guilford pupils to Seville and of Montville pupils to Medina. Part of Guilford township which at one time belonged to Wadsworth township has been replaced in the Guilford district.

It is the purpose of the school officials to institute a uniform course of study throughout the schools of the county and the various boards have been at work with the view of ultimately employing a uniformity in county and the various boards have mately employing a uniformity in text books, thus making possible for a pupil to shift from one township to another when necessary, without any trouble or break in his school work.

The common branches will receive greater consideration in the future, such as reading, spelling and writing, the latter two to be given special attention.

The dates for the next county institute have been set for Sep. 2 and 3, three subsequent meetings to be held on Saturdays during the school term, dates to be determined latter.

In conversation with Superintendent Jenks two or three weeks ago, the subject of our normal school was broached and Mr. Jenks spoke highly of the work of this school. He believes that the normal school will continue to show greater value in its relation to the regular school system. While there is much to be done in the way of improving the school system of the county, says the county superintendent.

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COUNCIL HOLDS 5-HOUR SESSION

Council sweat and groaned under a weary load of care for five hours Tuesday night with the following results:

Decided to fence off the channel on Fred Harding's farm north of town, where flows the village sewage, as soon as the mayor can ascertain the specifications required by the Cleveland board of health before Harding will be permitted to ship milk to the city. Harding has an action for damages pending against the village on account of the alleged contamination of his pasture water by the village sewage, but we understand is willing to accept \$600 in cash from the village and the latter is also to open up a water way in the path of the present sewage channel and fence same off, and further to pay a stipulated rental for the land so fenced off, forever.

Clerk McNeal was instructed to collect \$10 from each of the fifteen residents who it was discovered some weeks ago had had sewer connections made without permits, which sell at \$10 per.

The request of Fire Chief Wise for authority to employ two additional firemen was granted. There are 22 firemen at the present time, but Chief Wise explained that it was rarely that all the firemen responded to a call and the two extra men would keep the number of active men at a fire there always should be.

Edward Rankin of Cleveland was present at the meeting for the purpose of examining the wording of the ten-year franchise granted him by council Aug. 22, 1911, for lighting the village. Mr. Rankin recently disposed of a lighting plant in Mentor and stated that, while he had no definite plans for the future, he might decide to take advantage of the remaining six years of his Medina franchise.

The semi-annual appropriation ordinance was passed and the following appropriations for village expenses from the funds known to be in the village treasury or estimated to come into it during the half year ending Dec. 31 from the collection of taxes and all other sources of revenue, were made:

General Fund, \$644.69. Safety Fund, \$859.69. Service Fund, \$2467.13. Health Fund, \$348.01. From these funds the following amounts were appropriated for the purposes designated: General Fund—Mayor, \$50; clerk, \$70; treasurer, \$70; council, \$100; solicitor, \$50; legal advertising and printing, \$275; special elections, \$14.00; contingent, \$15.69; total, \$644.69. Safety Fund—Marshal, \$4.50; apparatus, \$287.51; other fire department expenses, \$80; firemen, \$200; contingent, \$42.18; total, \$1059.69. Service Fund—Street repair, \$640; street cleaning, \$800; street lighting, \$1200; sewers and drainage, \$50; sewers, \$6.09; contingent, \$71.04; total, \$2567.13. Health Fund—Health officer, \$50; quarantine, \$100; other health expenses, \$150; contingent, \$48.01; total, \$348.01.

It will be noted from the above figures that the total appropriations from the Safety Fund are in excess of the money available by \$200, and in the Service Fund there appears an excess of \$100. This was done to enable council to issue two certificates of credit, one for \$200 with which to pay the remainder of a fire hose bill, and \$100 for road machinery.

Mayor Randall, for the Brown Real Estate Co. of Cleveland, asked council if there would be any objection to the company cutting a road through the farm the mayor recently sold to the Brown company for dwelling lots, to run from North Court street to near the Pythian Sisters' home, providing the company would lay walks on the street as soon as cut through. The council offered no objection and will accept such a street when it is made.

Loses Finger In Milk Separator

While playing with a milk separator at his home Monday evening, the two-year-old son of B. L. McFadden, who lives on the pike south of town, in some manner started the machine and got his fingers into the mechanism, amputating the end of the third finger of the left hand and lacerating two others. Dr. Robinson attended the injuries.

LAKE BUSINESS INCREASES

A. M. Beach, manager of the Chippewa Lake Park, has made such a tremendous success of this resort that an other hotel is needed to accommodate the people who visit this popular resort each summer. "The business has outgrown the present capacity," said Mr. Beach, "there are not enough cottages rooms and the hotel can be more than filled all the time, especially over Sunday. I have asked the owners of the park to build a hotel on ground they own adjoining the present park, and they have the matter under consideration."